

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 - 18. (CANCELED)

Claims 19. (NEW)

A measuring cup adapted to serve as a closure for a package, which comprises:

a closed base and an open mouth, with a substantially straight upper wall portion surrounding said open mouth and oriented at an angle of substantially 90° with respect to said closed base;

fastening means formed on the external surface of said upper wall;

a substantially straight side wall portion extending between the closed base and upper wall and oriented at an angle of substantially 90° with respect to said closed base, with an outwardly extending connecting wall portion connecting said side wall and upper wall, said connecting wall being outwardly oriented with respect to said upper wall at an angle of less than 90° , whereby the side wall is disposed outwardly of the upper wall in a substantially straight line between the upper wall and closed base to provide an increased volume measuring cup without increasing the height of the measuring cup.

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Claim 20. (NEW) A measuring cup according to claim 19, wherein the side wall portion has a greater length than the length of the upper wall portion and connecting wall portion combined.

Claim 21. (NEW) A measuring cup according to claim 20, including an outwardly extending shoulder on the upper wall portion located between the fastening means and connecting wall portion.

Claim 22. (NEW) A measuring cup according to claim 20, wherein said fastening means comprise a threaded portion which surrounds said open mouth.

Claim 23. (NEW) A measuring cup according to claim 20, wherein said angle of the connecting wall is from 5° to 45°.

Claim 24. (NEW) A measuring cup according to claim 20, including an angled wall portion connecting said closed base and side wall portion.

Claim 25. (NEW) A measuring cup according to claim 20, including longitudinal striations on the external surface of said side wall portion.

Claim 26. (NEW) A measuring cup according to claim 24, including longitudinal striations on the external surface of said angled wall portion and side wall portion.

Claim 27. (NEW) A measuring cup according to claim 20, wherein said measuring cup is blow molded.

Claim 28. (NEW) A measuring cup according to claim 20, wherein the side wall is disposed outwardly of the upper wall portion to provide an increased volume measuring cup without increasing the size of the upper wall portion.

Claim 29. (NEW) An improved package for liquids, which comprises:

a container for housing a liquid having an upwardly extending finish provided with a dispensing orifice;

a transition collar mounted on the exterior of said container finish, said collar having an outwardly projecting pouring spout and a circumscribing wall, wherein the pouring spout extends above the circumscribing wall;

a measuring cup adapted to serve as a closure for said package, including a closed base and an open mouth, with a substantially straight upper wall portion surrounding said open mouth and oriented at an angle of substantially 90° with respect to

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said closed base, fastening means formed on the external surface of said upper wall, and a substantially straight side wall portion extending between the closed base and upper wall and oriented at an angle of substantially 90° with respect to said closed base, with an outwardly extending connecting wall portion connecting said side wall and upper wall, said connecting wall being outwardly oriented with respect to said upper wall at an angle of less than 90° , whereby the side wall is disposed outwardly of the upper wall in a substantially straight line between the upper wall and closed base to provide an increased volume measuring cup without increasing the height of the measuring cup.

Claim 30. (NEW) An improved package according to claim 29, wherein the side wall portion of said measuring cup has a greater length than the length of the upper wall and connecting wall portions of said measuring cup combined.

Claim 31. (NEW) An improved package according to claim 30, wherein said angle of the connecting wall is from 5° to 45° .

Claim 32. (NEW) An improved package according to claim 30, wherein said measuring cup includes an angled wall portion connecting said closed base and side wall portion.

Claim 33. (NEW) An improved package according to claim 30, including longitudinal striations on the external surface of the side wall portion of the measuring cup.

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Claim 34. (NEW) An improved package according to claim 32, including longitudinal striations on the external surface of said angled wall and side wall portions of said measuring cup.

Claim 35. (NEW) An improved package according to claim 30, wherein said measuring cup is blow molded.

Claim 36. (NEW) An improved package according to claim 30, wherein said transition collar includes a drain back shoulder having a frusto conically configured upper surface, an inclined drain back partition and vent hole.

Claim 37. (NEW) An improved package according to claim 36, wherein said container includes a hand hold means, and wherein said vent hole is generally radially aligned with said hand hold means when the transition collar is tightened onto the container.

Claim 38. (NEW) An improved package according to claim 30, wherein the pouring spout is spaced from and extends above the circumscribing wall of the transition collar, is coaxial with the circumscribing wall of the transition collar, and the height of the pouring spout is sized to fit within the measuring cup when the measuring cup is disposed as a closure.